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GARY R. GEORGE SENATOR

March 21, 2000

Senator Robert L. Cowles Room 305 119 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI. 53707

Dear Senator Cowles,

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Senate Judiciary and Consumer Affairs Committee schedule Assembly Bill 620, relating to the recovery of damages for certain criminal actions, earnings garnishment, retail theft and recovery in actions involving worthless checks. We will take your request into consideration as we plan the committee's schedule for the remainder of the floor period.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to provide additional information.

Sincerely,

GARY R. GEORGE

State Senator

Sixth Senate District

Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.



ROBERT L. COWLES

Wisconsin State Senator • 2nd Senate District

March 16, 2000

Senator Gary George, Chairperson 118 South State Capitol Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chairperson George,

I respectfully request that you schedule an executive session on Assembly Bill 602. This bill relates to the recovery of damages for certain criminal actions, earnings garnishment retail theft and recovery in actions involving worthless checks.

This bill passed the Assembly on Tuesday March 7, 2000 and was referred to your Committee on March 8, 2000. This bill will allow retailers to send a notice of a returned check by regular mail, thus saving the retailer about \$3.00. The retailer should not have to pay for certified mail because a consumer wrote a bad check. In addition, the bill clarifies the statues to allow civil recovery for each worthless check issued as opposed to the "quantity discount" that is given now.

I encourage you to act on this legislation so that it can be addressed by the full Senate prior to the end of March.

Sincerek

ROBERT L. COWLES